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Remarks

Status of the Application

Claim 25 is pending. Claims 24 and 26 are canceled.

Outstanding Rejections Rendered Moot by Amendment

Claims 24 and 26 were rejected under the non-statutory doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. The cancellation of these claims renders this rejection moot. Claims 24 and 26 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103. Cancellation of claims 24 and 26 renders these rejections moot.

Allowed Subject Matter

Claim 25 is allowed.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claim 25 should go to allowance, and a notice of allowance for claim 25 is earnestly solicited.

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